

## Sierra Nevada Conservancy

### Health and Well Being

#### Bishop (Eastern)

- Focus on the cultural and archeological resources of Owens Valley
- Support for rail trails but no money, problem is #of jurisdictions so maybe SNC would help w/ permits, easements
- Rebuild narrow gauge railroad --bring Independence and Laws efforts together and draw tourism
- Private in-holdings on BLM land. Can SNC assist with land exchange to address in-holdings
- Vacant agricultural fields that contribute PM-10 around Bishop, can SNC help address?
- Open air hospice
- Create sacred space teaching center for healing and teaching -- taking advantage of what already goes on-culturally specific native and non-native
- Nature and neuro-immunology classes and space
- Urban wildlife interface, fuels reduction-coordinate with fire disasters, fire-safe councils, volunteer fire departments
- Support local fire-safe councils and collaborate with existing partners to accomplish goals
- Support new fire-safe councils in areas that need them
- Maintenance of existing historic buildings that counties and other jurisdictions can't afford to do, also help get on historic register
- Need research to identify and publish history and culture of agrarian societies (Paiute) into local education systems, base on Paiute traditions not post -euro
- SNC should be at the top of Conservancy funding list
- Need to dispel the distrust and misinformation
- Support regional health care, emergency care for residents and visitors
- Protect critical habitats, migration corridors
- Areas are not getting watered because leasees have lost water rights to DWP, so can't grow crops
- This whole valley was in production in 1920's, DWP bought up and now there are lots of dry areas
- Protection of existing mining areas and access to them
- Connection between fire, air and water quality-focus on fuels reduction to minimize fires that affect air and water quality. Allow for economic benefit so people can do the fuels work-private enterprise with appropriate controls
- Protect culturally significant areas and sacred sites for tribes in the valley and for benefit of everyone
- Starlight-community that want to subdivide but has no water. County issued a neg declaration but project plans to double # of houses which will impact water supply for current residents-SNC should help local government so \$\$\$ isn't the sole driving force.

#### Susanville (Northern)

- Biomass power plants- preferable to controlled and wild burns (low profit margin could require subsidy)
- Planning with local resource based industries(timber, agriculture, recreation) to maintain local viability and jobs to keep people in region
- Concern regarding prisons in area - not desirable or viable for local economy and community
- Maintaining ecological health and beauty of Susan River
- Shasta County restoring natural salmon populations - funding (Bear Creek watershed and others)
- Historical, community center, interpretive center. Would funding be available for upkeep of buildings?
- i.e. Lassen Land and Trails Trust - Historical Susanville Depot
- i.e. Surprise Valley wants to build visitors center
- Fire hazard reduction in wildlands- urban interface areas - adjacent to national and private forest lands
- Support for fire-safe councils

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- Support funding for fire lines between unmanaged lands, public / state lands, private lands, special district lands (funding buffer zones)
- Locally buffer are important, especially near public and urban lands
- Buffering/firebreaks can go along with economic development (i.e. power / biofuels)
- Lassen County mural project
- Air quality is directly related to fire reduction

#### Sonora (South-Central)

- Watershed Restoration
- Ditch-system approach for the Sierra- develop management tools for public access as well as water uses
- Enhance ditch systems for as much multiple use as possible (eg. Water conveyance, trails, riparian corridors, greenbelts, etc.)
- Old logging railroad trails- manage for multiple uses
- Support company with no resources for preserving oaks
- More hard-surface access to view historical and ecological features
- Need for watershed management- who would manage new water that will come out of CALFED process. Is this something SNC could help with?
- EPFW dealing with clear cutting
- Multi-jurisdictional community-based fuel-reduction projects- more funding
- Phoenix Lake multi-agencies community based task force looking for funding for water-related problems (mosquitoes, sedimentation, eutrophication, etc.) and access to lake
- Ditches, canals, flumes from mother Lode mining era (historical, cultural, functional, biological value) restored protected and enhanced for recreation, they convey water, generate electricity, etc.
- More public transportation to recreational venues (to address air quality) rural counties receive no federal transportation funding
- Technical assistance for Phoenix Lake- land acquisition for public access
- Long-term funding for watershed coordinators (CALFED may be dissolved) SNC should support these efforts (Mokelumne)- support for voluntary and collaborative as opposed to mandated efforts
- Restore Hetch Hetchy Valley and Tuolumne River -- help with funding and technical assistance
- Restore and protect wildlife corridor
- Traditional economic development help for small businesses
- Forest Health, thinning in interface and general forest to protect air and water quality we have now
- Healthy forests in California require fire. SNC cannot be a block to good forest management- CDF and Air Board for Prescription Burns
- SWIF- interagency team gets money for projects but not administration
- Providing forums and support for fire-safe councils
- Need money for on the ground versus administration
- Address urban runoff and impact on (N. of Sonora) Twain Hart Creek. Problems with methane- collects all runoff from area -grants don't pan for infiltration projects or infrastructure
- Work across sectors to balance the value of trade-offs- short-term air quality impacts to utilize prescribed fire and wildland fire use for resource benefits as tools to ensure healthy Sierra Nevada forest ecosystems that are fire-dependant
- Move motorized recreation away from sensitive ecosystems and watersheds
- Ensure that timber companies clean-up after harvests and provide money for monitoring
- Work on defining and implementing sustainable logging

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- Maintain divisions between and create well-defined human communities
- Incentivize timber industry to work with environmental concerns- find more common ground

#### Fresno (Southern)

- Can SNC help fund and plan for defensible space and fuel zones around mountain communities
- Want to see a reduction in prescribed burns and increase in mechanical fuel reduction (air quality)
- What to do with fuel removed - can be a problem
- Smaller burns
- Address public perceptions of prescribed burns
- Pursue biomass options, subsidize
- Do not become a lobbying agency - maintain objectivity
- Create incentives for using smaller diameter logs
- Promote native biodiversity through sensitive grazing practices
- Use of fire in beneficial way
- Consider wildlife movement corridors, fish passage, improve habitat fragmentation problem
- Demo projects to improve public understanding of fire grazing and timber harvest
- Wild places (Tulare City Group) needs more funds for cultural youth involvement
- Want map of groundwater resources in hard Rock areas
- Technical studies to standardize studies for hard rock groundwater in S.N. to better understand resources and their quality
- financial resources to ensure prop mgmt for open spaces
- Ensure SNC staff are knowledgeable and licensed
- Use SNEP work, don't repeat it
- Include climactic water budgets in analysis of planning
- What assistance avail to communities that want to preserve existing character of landscapes and communities
- Concern about mining operation proposed in Madera
- Threats - wildlife and air quality (need better forest mgmt)
- Air quality related to pollution in urban areas
- Concern for natural areas, esp. fire threats
- Propose public collection of firewood to help. One specific area above Bass Lake
- Want communication of local fire-safe councils
- Want to preserve functioning ecosystems- doesn't mean not touching it
- Active forest management, including biomass removal and make finances balance - markets for biomass

#### El Dorado (Central)

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- Clearly identify critical habitat in the Sierra
- Discuss low-impact development standards - for example Sacramento Blueprint
- List of stakeholders to collaborate with
- Acquisitions and easement programs through RCD's
- Outreach and education in the field
- Make sure fire-safety in Yuba Co. foothills
- Make sure programs focus on air and water quality
- Education for new residents about fire-safety, personal responsibility and other issues
- Education as a linkage between fire and air and water quality
- Needs to identify what standard it will use especially related to forest management
- How far are we talking about protecting natural resources? - Timber
- Can Conservancy develop a G.I.S. cooperative - with training and access in rural areas?

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- Like to see more funding for small property owners for natural resource and animal resources
- Take advantage of C.C.C. and C.Y.A programs
- Money for maintenance of rural roads for safety and evacuation
- Like to see arts, cultural, historical, archeological given higher priority
- Make sure programs developed do not interfere with profit-making on private land. Especially farms
- Like to see health issues and clinics addressed - coordinated program to bring more health resources to the Sierra
- Support programs that maximize ecosystem function
- Establish 100-year vision of what Sierra will look like- desired future conditions
- How does SNC fit in with other agency functions / programs special districts- local- state- federal, communication network
- Can N.C.C.P. objectives be met through conservancy (non-mitigating)
- Wants to fund dire safety councils
- Employ local artists in the development and placement of marketing materials and signage
- Site-based sculpture / public art
- Blue Oak Woodlands / Rangelands protection too under-funded
- Develop National Treasure Program " Living Treasures" in Sierra Nevada - master artists, etc.
- Bond money, taxpayer money should not go to non-profit organizations that negatively impact private property rights
- What role can conservancy play in making sure we do not lose our historic buildings?
- Funding for historical building preservation- historic downtowns
- Could conservancy play role in increasing local knowledge about naturally occurring asbestos in rocks and soils
- Aid in expansion of historical / museum preservation groups / networks using existing networks like Placer County

### Quincy (North-Central)